

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS.**

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Elaine Rodriguez
Michael L. Montoya
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Leo Maestas, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of silence for all the people who have passed away in the community and to keep the family of Mary Judy Martinez in our prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Trujillo read a Proclamation for Black History Month.

Mayor Trujillo reported on the Legislative Session coming to an end, and thanked Legislative delegates, Senator Campos, Representative Castellano, the Governor and the people from the Department of Finance Administration who have been working hard to bring much needed money to Las Vegas. Mayor Trujillo spoke about the Governing Body and City Manager Maestas lobbying during the Legislative Session. Mayor Trujillo advised he has a meeting with Annette Garcia from Friends of the Museum and stakeholders to discuss the display at the Museum. Mayor Trujillo thanked everyone and the employees for accomplishing a lot in the last year. Mayor Trujillo advised the State of the City Address would take place the second week of March.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Rodriguez gave an update on projects she's been working on regarding adding basketball courts and lighting at Keys Park, working on filling potholes and fixing sidewalks east on Railroad, wanting to change the ordinance regarding sidewalks, fixing drainage issues on the east side of Railroad and adding lighting on Railroad.

Councilor Montoya spoke about the Chamber of Commerce inviting him to the radio to discuss the charter amendments, meeting with the engineer on the Legion Drive project, and further added that Lodgers Tax marketing applications are being accepted for advertisements until April 1, 2022. Councilor Montoya thanked Mayor Trujillo for his leadership.

Councilor Romero advised they are making an effort to take care of employees, he acknowledged City Manager Maestas and Councilor Montoya for meeting with Debbie Romero from DFA and Victor Reyes and Dan Schlegel with the Governor's office, and advised in conversation with them they will be setting up a meeting with the Secretary of Environment to discuss potential funding opportunities. Councilor Romero advised they have been working hard as a Governing Body. Councilor Romero thanked City Manager Maestas and staff. Councilor Romero also discussed comments being made in the community that are not true.

Councilor Ulibarri thanked all the staff from the Police department, Fire department and the Streets department and advised the west side of town is coming along and they are working hard to accomplish a lot of things.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Salazar gave a presentation regarding the statistics for the Month of January on the following:

- Field Operations Division (patrol)
 - Special Operations-Selective Traffic Enforcement Patrol (S.T.E.P.)
- Information Division (records)
- Street Crimes
 - Evidence Seized
 - Meetings and trainings
- Training/Recruiting
- Community Events
 - Coffee with a Cop
- Department vacancies (17)
- Animal Control
 - Community Service Aides/Code Enforcement are taking animal control calls

Discussion took place regarding the training that both CSA's and Code Enforcement have for handling animal control calls and the Animal Welfare Coalition being over capacity and also regarding the speed enforcement ordinance not replacing an officer but instead it would help to allow officers to attend to other important calls and/or issues.

Councilor Montoya discussed signage being placed at the Police department and Utility Customer Service department and other signs being placed to identify City facilities.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Baquera reported on the month of January, General fund revenues were at 65%, expenditures were at 48%, with a surplus of \$1,221,496, the Enterprise fund revenues were at 53%, expenditures were at 42%, with a surplus of \$1,094,502, the Recreation department revenues were at 36%, expenditures were at 28%, with a surplus of \$50,870 and Lodger's Tax revenues were at 72%, expenditures were at 47%, with a surplus of \$96,065.

Mayor Trujillo asked if there was anything within his department or in the reports that are red flags and should be brought to their attention.

Finance Director Baquera advised not at this time.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consideration of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4625 Agreement.

Interim Fire Chief Spann thanked the management team, IAFF Union management team and Fire Chief Billy Montoya for their time with negotiations. Interim Fire Chief Spann discussed the changes made in the contract and all the hard work the firefighters put in.

Councilor Romero thanked the team for moving it along.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the program to pursue an associates or bachelors degree, the number of certified EMTs, types of uniforms issued and the use of the gym at the Recreation Center.

Councilor Montoya advised they appreciate everything they do for them and the community.

IAFF Union President LA Sena advised both teams put a lot of time and effort into negotiating.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4625 Agreement. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|--------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Elaine Rodriquez | Yes | David Ulibarri | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | David G. Romero | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo thanked the Firefighters and advised he was proud of them.

2. Consideration of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Agreement.

Mayor Trujillo acknowledged Human Resource Director Arguello, City Attorney Aaron and City Manager Maestas for a job well done.

HR Director Arguello advised all the credit goes to City Manager Maestas.

HR Director Arguello advised the City of Las Vegas completed contract negotiations for 2021/2022 with the Fraternal Order of Police. HR Director Arguello mentioned the following sections that were negotiated, Section 16 compensation, Section 22 hours of work/overtime, Section 37 take home vehicles and Section 44 terms of agreement.

City Attorney Aaron discussed the sections that were negotiated.

Councilor Romero thanked City Manager Maestas, HR Director Arguello and the Union team because they were able to get out of arbitration and come to an agreement.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the bilingual certification, the fifty five mile radius for take home vehicles, and if any employees are pursuing a degree.

Councilor Montoya commended and thanked FOP President Lujan and all officers for their service.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Agreement. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| David Ulibarri | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |
| Elaine Rodriquez | Yes | David G. Romero | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$3,770.12 for the marketing of Las Vegas Art's Council's People Fair.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta discussed the application for marketing of Las Vegas Art's Council's People Fair.

Councilor Rodriquez asked for a better copy regarding the project information.

Councilor Montoya asked if there would be any conflicts with other events that day.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta advised he was not aware of any conflicts.

Councilor Montoya advised the People Fair does bring economic development and tourism for the community.

Councilor Romero asked what type of invoice would be turned in.

City Manager Maestas advised they would request a receipt for payment.

Councilor Romero mentioned the proposed ordinance that would be affecting a lot of organizations.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$3,770.12 for the marketing of Las Vegas Art's Council's People Fair. Councilor

Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| David G. Romero | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | David Ulibarri | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$4,196.56 for marketing of Las Vegas First Business Alliance (LVFIBA) Friday's Al Fresco.

LVFIBA Representative Steve Leger discussed the funding from previous Friday's Al Fresco.

Councilor Ulibarri advised they do a wonderful job and they get a lot of tourism during Friday's Al Fresco.

Councilor Ulibarri made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$4,196.56 for marketing of Las Vegas First Business Alliance (LVFIBA) Friday's Al Fresco. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion.

Councilor Montoya asked about item number 4.1 on pg. 3, regarding the financial information in the amount of \$15,623.15 plus \$10,000 for the total budget for the event.

LVFIBA Representative Leger advised that was what the City agreed to pay for the bands.

Councilor Montoya asked when that was approved.

City Manager Maestas advised there was a discussion to take over that portion since Lodgers Tax can't be used to pay for the PA system or musicians.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta advised it is only marketing/advertising that Lodgers Tax can pay for. Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta advised they could break up the marketing for Friday's Al Fresco into three segments for spring, summer and fall.

Councilor Montoya requested that the City of Las Vegas be included on banners and all advertisements.

LVFIBA Representative Leger advised they did do that last year.

Councilor Romero asked Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta if they reviewed the total budgeted amount.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta advised he did.

Councilor Romero advised on the financial information regarding a conflict of interest statement about LVFIBA Representative Leger being compensated for production and voice overs for radio ads and where that is reflected in the budget.

LVFIBA Representative Leger advised it is the sixth one listed on the budgeted amount.

City Manager Maestas advised it was listed as radio ad production 3 voiceovers at \$100.

LVFIBA Representative Leger advised he also does the MCing which wasn't listed there.

Councilor Romero advised his concern was with the conflict where he is proposing it and included in it.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta advised they are working with City Manager Maestas so someone can look through the applications to catch any conflicts.

Mayor Trujillo briefly addressed an audit finding in the last audit where board members benefited from the request and their trying to prevent that.

Councilor Romero recommended an amendment to the motion to include that someone other than Steve Leger will provide the voice overs (mcing) for radio during the spring session.

Councilor Ulibarri made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$4,196.56 for marketing of Las Vegas First Business Alliance (LVFIBA) Friday's Al Fresco with the amendment to have Steve Leger find someone else to do voice overs in the spring due to a conflict of interest. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| David G. Romero | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | David Ulibarri | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Manager Maestas asked for clarification regarding if LVFIBA Representative Leger could or couldn't do the voice overs in spring.

Both Councilor Romero and Councilor Rodriquez advised someone else needed to do the voice overs in spring.

5. Request approval of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance Gallinas River Park revitalization.

Lodgers Tax Chairman Bhakta discussed they are allowed to use funds regarding Lodgers Tax infrastructure for trash cans along the river park.

Mayor Trujillo asked if they're additional trash cans.

City Manager Maestas advised yes, they are additional trash cans.

Discussion took place regarding how much Lodgers Tax has given the Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance, if breakdowns are being received regarding previous allocations that haven't been spent and the percentage spent on Lodgers Tax infrastructure.

Councilor Romero suggested that the Lodgers Tax Committee get those reports regarding the breakdowns of what's been spent.

Councilor Montoya advised it will benefit the entire community.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance Gallinas River Park revitalization. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Elaine Rodriquez | Yes | David G. Romero | Yes |
| David Ulibarri | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Lodgers Tax for all their doing.

Councilor Romero advised they are really making an effort for all of them to be on the same page.

6. Request approval of Resolution 22-09 to appoint Leo Maestas, City Manager or his successor(s) as the authorized representative regarding all matters pertaining to lease agreements for the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Montoya asked for clarification on the resolution that states, "City Managers successor(s)."

Mayor Trujillo advised there would be more City Managers in the future.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution 22-09 to appoint Leo Maestas, City Manager or his successor(s) as the authorized representative regarding all matters pertaining to lease agreements for the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 22-09 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 22-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS SUCCESSOR(S) AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") will lease items that are needed within the City for various projects;

WHEREAS, upon Council's approval, any leased items will be used directly for the specific projects they are intended for and to maintain safe and efficient operations within the City;

WHEREAS, certain vendor's require the City to appoint an authorized representative to execute all lease agreements that pertain to the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby appoints City Manager, Leo Maestas, or his successor(s), as the authorized representative for all lease agreements for the City of Las Vegas.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2022.

Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|--------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Elaine Rodriquez | Yes | David Ulibarri | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | David G. Romero | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo recognized Public Works Manager Gurule for all his work.

7. Request approval of Resolution #22-07 repealing and replacing Resolution #21-44, a budget adjustment in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

Finance Director Baquera discussed his reason for repealing and replacing resolution #21-44, DFA would not accept it due to language in the resolution. Finance Director Baquera advised it was supposed to come before council last week but there was an error where he was adding instead of subtracting.

Discussion took place regarding how Finance Director Baquera found the mistake.

Councilor Romero advised they met with the Secretary of DFA and it's important that they build bridges with those departments.

Councilor Montoya advised he's requesting again that he needs to show on his agenda requests that the Finance Committee did approve items during those meetings.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution #22-07 repealing and replacing Resolution #21-44, a budget adjustment in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 22-07 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 22-07**

**A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE RESOLUTION NO 21-44 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR
THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Las Vegas has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, said budget was developed on basis of increases in revenues, expenditures and transfer (in) out through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors. Please see attached schedule: and,

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2021-2022 fiscal Year budget to include an Revenue decrease to Fund 435 in the amount of \$7,330; Expense decrease to Fund 435 in the amount of \$5,124; Revenue decrease to Fund 217 in the amount of \$50,619; Expense decrease to Fund 217 in the amount of \$50,619; Revenue increase to Fund 217 in the amount of \$4,310,402; Expense increase to Fund 217 in the amount of \$4,310,402; Revenue increase Fund 433 in the amount of \$20,000; Expense increase Fund 433 in the amount \$20,000; Expense increase Fund 104 in the amount of \$10,000; Expense increase to Fund 101-5110, General Fund Parks Department in the amount of \$13,362; Revenue increase Fund 218 in the amount of \$21,510; Expense increase Fund 218 in the amount of \$21,510.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that the budget adjustment request should be as it meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2021-22, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned budget adjustment request and respectfully request approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this day of FEBRUARY 2022.

Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| David G. Romero | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez | Yes |
| Michael I. Montoya | Yes | David Ulibarri | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero asked for a meeting to be set up with Maria Perea so they could understand what the process is for getting a business license.

Mayor Trujillo suggested the steps for a business license be on the City's website and a work manual for everything Maria Perea does.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

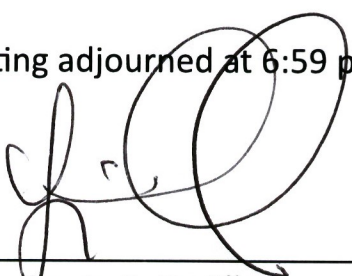
There was no need for executive session.

ADJOURN

Councilor Rodriquez made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. All were in favor.


City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk